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A TEEN-AGER'S LIFE IS FILLED WITH UPS AND DOWNS! THIS IS ONE OF THE DOWN PERIODS FOR YOUNG PETER PARKER, AS HIS WELL-MEANING AUNT TALKS ON, AND ON, AND ON...

BUT WHY WON'T YOU CALL MARY JANE WATSON?? I'M SURE YOU'D LIKE HER IF YOU DATED HER!

BUT I'VE GOT A GIRL FRIEND, AUNT MAY! I DON'T WANT ANY BLIND DATES!



BUT MRS. WATSON IS SUCH A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE! AND HER NIECE, MARY JANE, WOULD JUST LOVE TO MEET YOU! AND YOU'RE NOT REALLY ENGAGED, OR ANYTHING!



GOSH, AUNT MAY, I'M OLD ENOUGH TO ARRANGE MY OWN DATES... HONEST!



FIVE MINUTES LATER, IF DOTTING AUNT MAY HAD GLANCE SKYWARD, SHE'D SEE THE MOST COLORFUL, MOST DRAMATIC, MOST EXCITING OF ALL SUPER-HEROES SWINGING THROUGH THE SKY... NOT FEELING THE NIP IN THE AIR ONE SINGLE BIT!



GOOD OL' AUNT MAY! SHE MEANS WELL, BLESS HER... BUT SOMETIMES I THINK I'LL POP MY CORK IF I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM HER NAGGING!



AFTER LONG, RELAXING MINUTES OF EFFORTLESSLY PROPELLING HIMSELF FROM ROOFTOP TO ROOFTOP, SPIDER-MAN COMES TO A SUDDEN HALT... HIS KEEN EYES SPOTTING TROUBLE BELOW...



WELL, WELL! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THIS EVENING WON'T BE A TOTAL WASTE, AFTER ALL!



FOUR SHADY-LOOKING CHARACTERS, RACING OUT OF THE REAR OF THAT STORE... CARRYING MONEY BAGS! JUST WHAT I NEED TO SNAP MYSELF OUT OF THE DOLDRUMS!



STEP ON IT! THE BURGLAR ALARM WENT OFF! THE COPS'LL BE AFTER US SOON!



LOOK! A BLIND MAN! HE MIGHT HAVE HEARD OUR VOICES! WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM HERE TO IDENTIFY US LATER!



UH-OH! THAT INNOCENT BYSTANDER IS IN FOR TROUBLE! BUT... NOT FOR LONG!



IF YOU CREEPS DON'T WANT WITNESSES, YOU BETTER GET RID OF ME!...



"MY BABY BLUES SAW THE WHOLE THING!"



LET GET OUTTA HERE!



HOLD ON, BOYS... WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?



DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS "LET'S GET ACQUAINTED WITH SPIDER-MAN WEEK"??



KEEP RUNNING!! HE CAN'T CATCH US ALL!



YEAH! HE'S ONLY ONE GUY!



EXACTLY TWO SECONDS LATER, THAT "ONE GUY" ATTACKS LIKE A TASK FORCE!!



WHAP! THONK! POW!



FOR A MINUTE!



...THIS'LL ONLY HURT...



DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING, BOYS....



TRUE TO HIS WORD, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN HAS HIS FOUR EX-SPARTAN PARTNERS ALL NICELY GIFT-WRAPPED AND READY FOR DELIVERY TO THE POLICE EXACTLY SIXTY SECONDS LATER...



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISTER? NEED ANY HELP IN GETTING WHERE YOU'RE GOING?



NO, THANKS! I CAN MANAGE! BUT I'M MUCH OBLIGED TO YOU, MR. EH... SPIDER-MAN, ISN'T IT?



THAT'S THE NAME, PAL! BUT DON'T BOTHER THANKING ME... JUST REMEMBER ME IN YOUR WILL! AND YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL NOT TO WALK IN THESE LONELY NEIGHBORHOODS WHEN IT STARTS GETTING DARK!



TO SOMEONE LIKE ME, NIGHT AND DAY ARE THE SAME! BUT THANKS, ANYWAY!!



SO THAT WAS SPIDER-MAN!! HMM... I'D SAY HE'S ABOUT 17... FIVE FOOT- TEN INCHES... AND, JUDGING BY THE SOUND OF HIS PULSE AND HEARTBEATS, IN EXCELLENT HEALTH...



WOULDN'T HE BE AMAZED IF HE KNEW THAT I COULD "SEE" EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED WITH MY SENSES, AS WELL AS HE COULD WITH HIS EYES!



IN FACT, I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO CATCHING THOSE FOUR CROOKS MYSELF! BUT, I DIDN'T DARE CHANGE WHILE SPIDER-MAN COULD SEE ME!



NOW DUE TO THE DELAY, I'M LATE RETURNING TO THE OFFICE, AND I DON'T WANT KAREN AND FOGGY TO WORRY ABOUT ME...



SO I'LL TRAVEL A BIT FASTER NOW... AS ONLY DAREDEVIL CAN!

MY BUILT-IN "RADAR SENSE" ENABLES ME TO DETECT OBJECTS ALL AROUND ME, AND MY SENSE OF HEARING, TOUCH, TASTE AND SMELL... MAGNIFIED DOZENS OF TIMES MORE THAN NORMAL... FORM MY INFALLIBLE "EYES".



I CAN EVEN "HEAR" THE SHAPE OF ANY OBJECT...



...BY ANALYZING THE SOUND OF AIR CURRENTS AS THEY SWIRL AROUND IT!

IN FACT, WITH MY EVERY SENSE OPERATING AT PEAK EFFICIENCY, I ACTUALLY HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER ANY NORMAL SIGHTED PERSON!



MINUTES LATER, DAREDEVIL ENTERS HIS OFFICE THROUGH A BACK DOOR, AND AGAIN BECOMES MATTHEW MURDOCK, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW!



FOGGY AND KAREN ARE STILL INSIDE! I HEAR THEIR BREATHING THROUGH THE WALL!!

AND THEN...

OH, MR. MURDOCK! WE DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME IN! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!



THE CIRCUS?



I'M TAKING KAREN TO THE CIRCUS TOMORROW, MATT... AND ENJOY YOURSELVES! I HAVE QUITE A BIT OF UNFINISHED WORK TO CATCH UP ON, TOMORROW!

NO, THANKS, FOGGY! YOU TWO GO AHEAD AND ENJOY YOURSELVES! I HAVE QUITE A BIT OF UNFINISHED WORK TO CATCH UP ON, TOMORROW!



BUT, MR. MURDOCK... YOU WORK SO HARD! YOU NEED SOME RELAXATION!

KAREN'S RIGHT, MATT! YOU MUSTN'T ALLOW YOUR HANDICAP TO MAKE YOU A RECLUSE! YOU CAN'T WORK ALL THE TIME!



I DARE NOT TELL THEM THE TRUTH... THAT I DON'T TRUST MY FEELINGS FOR KAREN... IT'S BETTER THAT I DON'T SEE HER SOCIALLY!

BUT NOW LET US LEAVE THE LAW OFFICES OF FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON AND MATTHEW MURDOCK, AND TURN OUR ATTENTION TO NEW YORK'S BIGGEST ARENA, THE NEXT DAY, WHERE WE FIND...



KEEP REHEARSING! EVERYTHING MUST BE PERFECT TONIGHT! FOR THIS WILL BE OUR GREATEST "SHOW"!

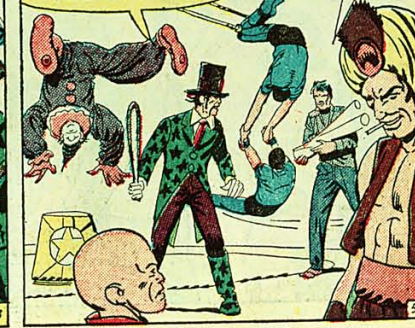
NEVER BEFORE HAS SUCH A DARING CRIME BEEN ATTEMPTED IN THE HEART OF A BIG CITY!

EVER SINCE THE HULK DEFEATED ME MONTHS AGO,* I'VE PLANNED THIS ONE SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE... TO OUTDO ANYTHING WE'VE EVER DONE IN THE PAST!!



*FROM THE HULK MAGAZINE (NOW DISCONTINUED) ISSUE #3

BRING ME THE NEWSPAPERS, THE ADS, THE POSTERS! I WANT TO CHECK THEM! WE MUST MAKE SURE WE PLAY TO A SELL-OUT AUDIENCE TONIGHT!



HERE THEY ARE! EVERYTHING IS THE WAY YOU WANT IT!



Proceeds
To Go To
CHARITY



WELL, IF THE PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY, MAYBE I SHOULD PERFORM... JUST TO CONVINCE PEOPLE THAT SPIDER-MAN ISN'T SO **BAD!!**

PETER, MAY I
SEE YOU FOR
A MOMENT
WHEN YOU'RE
THROUGH??

HECK! HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THAT I CAN'T TAKE HER BECAUSE I'LL BE CHANGING TO A CRUISE.

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AND, AT THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, WE FIND...



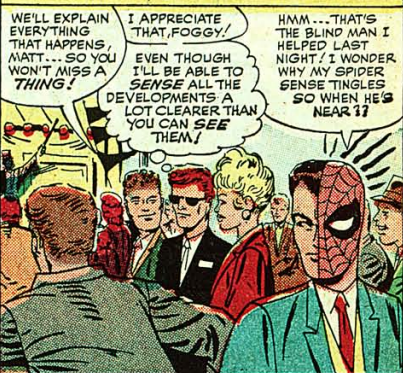
OH, WELL, MAYBE I ONLY IMAGINED IT! HE CERTAINLY CAN'T PRESENT ANY SORT OF THREAT TO ME!



THE HOUSE IS FILLIN' UP GOOD, BOSS! WE'LL SOON BE RICH!



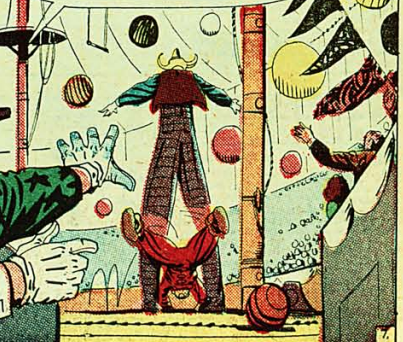
A SHORT TIME LATER, JUST BEFORE THE SHOW BEGINS...



I THINK I'M GONNA ENJOY THIS! I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A CIRCUS STAR... AND WITH MY SPIDER POWERS I OUGHTTA BE A SMASH SENSATION!!



KEEP THE ENTERTAINMENT GOING UNTIL THE PLACE IS FILLED! I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO GET SUSPICIOUS!



AND, AS THE MINUTES DRAG ON, THE AUDIENCE GROWS MORE AND MORE IMPATIENT...



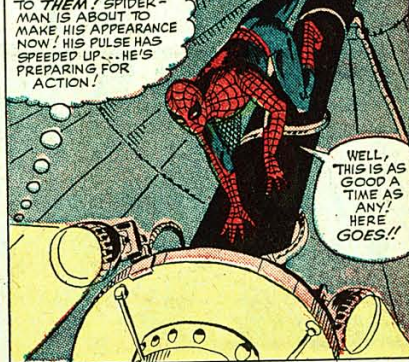
I WISH THE RINGMASTER WOULD GIVE US THE SIGNAL! I'M GETTIN' JITTERY! WHAT IF SOMETHIN' GOES WRONG??



JUDGING BY THE DIRECTION OF AIR CURRENTS, SPIDER-MAN IS SLOWLY DESCENDING FROM THE CEILING... AND HE'S UPSIDE-DOWN, BECAUSE HIS HEARTBEAT IS HIGHER THAN THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE!



ACTUALLY, I SHOULD BE DESCRIBING THINGS TO THEM! SPIDER-MAN IS ABOUT TO MAKE HIS APPEARANCE NOW! HIS PULSE HAS SPEEDED UP... HE'S PREPARING FOR ACTION!



YAY, SPIDER-MAN!!

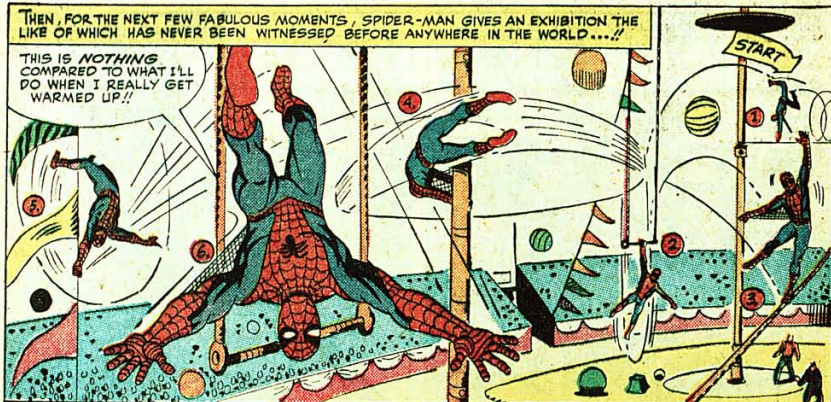


BOY! IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS WITHOUT HAVING SOME DEADLY ENEMY TO WORRY ABOUT AT THE SAME TIME!



THEN, FOR THE NEXT FEW FABULOUS MOMENTS, SPIDER-MAN GIVES AN EXHIBITION THE LIKE OF WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN WITNESSED BEFORE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD....!!

THIS IS *NOTHING* COMPARED TO WHAT I'LL DO WHEN I REALLY GET WARMED UP!!



I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D *REALLY* SHOW UP!! BUT, THERE'S NO REASON TO LET HIM INTERFERE WITH MY PLANS! EVEN *SPIDER-MAN* CANNOT STOP ME!



WOW! THIS IS THE GREATEST ACT I'VE EVER SEEN!



HE MUST DO IT WITH *MIRRORS!*

THAT GUY'S THE MOST!

THE TIME HAS COME! THE ARENA IS PACKED! NOBODY SUSPECTS A THING!



LET'S GO!! YOU ALL KNOW WHAT TO DO! THERE MUST BE NO SLIP-UPS!!



THAT MUST BE THE RINGMASTER DOWN THERE! I DIDN'T SEE HIM BEFORE!

I WONDER WHY HE'S STANDING AND WAVING LIKE THAT ?? WHAT IS HE TRYIN' TO DO, CRAB MY ACT ??



THOSE SWIRLING CIRCLES ON HIS HAT! THEY'RE MAKING ME DIZZY... DIZZY...

I AM THE RING-MASTER! MY WILL IS YOUR WILL! MY WILL IS YOUR WILL!



NOW THAT HE IS UNDER MY CONTROL, I'LL FACE THE AUDIENCE! THIS IS MY SUPREME MOMENT!



THIS WILL BE THE LARGEST CROWD I'VE EVER HYPNOTIZED! MY GREATEST TRIUMPH!

MY WILL IS YOUR WILL! MY WILL IS YOUR WILL!!

THEN, WITHIN SPLIT-SECONDS, THE MOST INCREDIBLE FEAT OF MASS HALLUCINATION EVER RECORDED TAKES PLACE AS THE ENTIRE AUDIENCE FALLS IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE!



I'VE DONE IT! NOW QUICKLY, GO AMONG THEM AND TAKE THEIR WALLETS, AND THEIR JEWELRY! *HURRY!!*



THE SPELL LASTS ONLY FOR ONE HOUR... AND WHEN THEY AWAKE, THEY WILL REMEMBER NOTHING! WHEN THEY FIND THEIR VALUABLES MISSING, THEY'LL SIMPLY BLAME IT ON PICKPOCKETS!!

BUT, THOUGH UNNOTICED IN THAT VAST AUDIENCE, ONE MAN IS *NOT* HYPNOTIZED!! ONE MAN DID *NOT* SEE THE SWIRLING CIRCLES IN THE RINGMASTER'S HAT... BECAUSE THAT MAN IS *BLIND*!!



INCREDIBLE! EVERY SINGLE SPECTATOR... IN A DEEP TRANCE!



MOVING WITH SURE CAT-LIKE GRACE, THE FEARLESS ADVENTURER SILENTLY DROPS TO THE CORRIDOR BELOW!

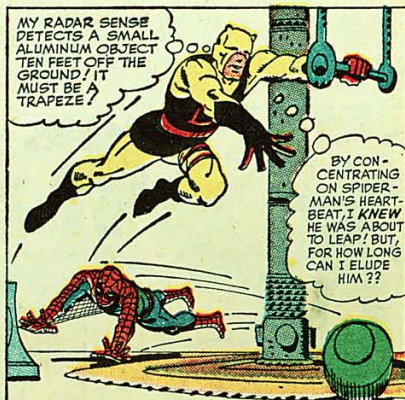
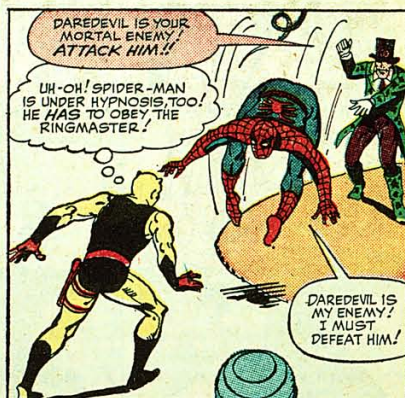


AND, WITHIN SECONDS... UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, I'LL HAVE TO BATTLE THE ENTIRE CIRCUS CAST!!

SO I MAY AS WELL GET AN EARLY START!



DAREDEVIL!! WHAT'S WRONG ?? WHY ISN'T HE GOING INTO A TRANCE?!



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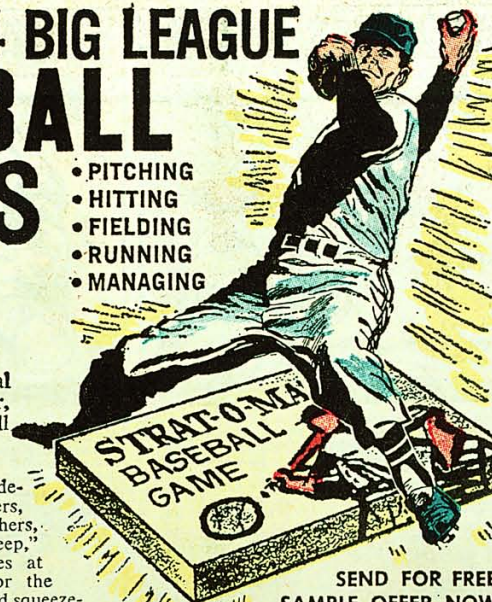
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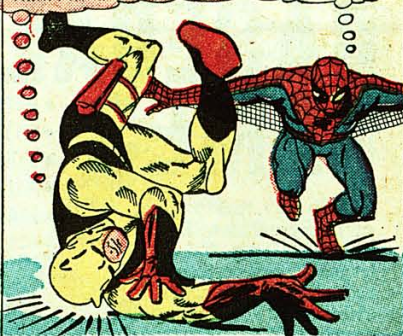
AND SO, THE TWO MASKED ADVENTURERS BEGIN THEIR BATTLE... A BATTLE CAUSED BY THE RUTHLESS POWER OF THE **RINGMASTER!**

DAREDEVIL IS MUCH FASTER THAN I WOULD HAVE GUESSED!



I CAN'T POSSIBLY MATCH HIS OWN SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH! MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO **OUT-THINK HIM!!**

I HAVE SAVED THE **RINGMASTER...** AS HE COMMANDED!



STILL IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE, NOT ACTING UNDER HIS OWN WILL, **SPIDEY** WAITS FOR FURTHER ORDERS AFTER HE HAS DONE WHAT HE WAS TOLD TO...

DON'T STOP, YOU FOOL! DAREDEVIL ISN'T BEATEN YET!!

LUCKY FOR ME SPIDER-MAN CAN'T THINK FOR HIMSELF!



THE ADVANTAGE IS **MINE** WHILE HE'S MOVING UNDER A HYPNOTIC SPELL!

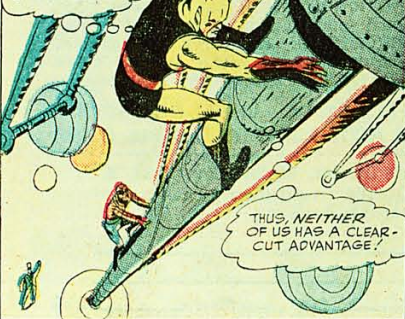
AFTER HIM! DAREDEVIL MUST BE DEFEATED!!

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THIS POLE MUST LEAD TO THE TRAPEZE PLATFORM! I'LL HAVE ROOM TO MANEUVER UP THERE!

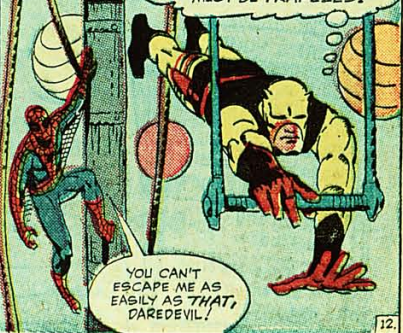


WHILE I AM DENIED THE USE OF MY VISION, SPIDER-MAN'S BRAIN IS FOGGED BY HYPNOSIS!!



THUS, NEITHER OF US HAS A CLEAR-CUT ADVANTAGE!

MY RADAR SENSE INFORMS ME OF OBJECTS HANGING NEARBY... AND MY LOGIC KNOWS THEY MUST BE **TRAPEZES!**



YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME AS EASILY AS THAT, DAREDEVIL!



MY SPIDER'S WEB CAN BEAT ANY TRAPEZE!!

HE'S COMING TOWARDS ME AGAIN! HEAD HIM OFF!!



HE'S AGILE AS A PANTHER! HE LANDED IN FRONT OF ME! BUT NOW HE'LL STOP TO WAIT FOR FURTHER ORDERS FROM THE **RINGMASTER!**

I'LL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT SLIGHT PAUSE TO FLIP MYSELF OVER HIS HEAD!!



I DID IT! AND I CAN HEAR THE **RINGMASTER'S** HEART POUNDING TEN FEET IN FRONT OF ME!

MY FOOT TOUCHED A CIRCUS BALL! JUST WHAT I NEED!



THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED HYPNOTIST CAN MAKE A MOVE...

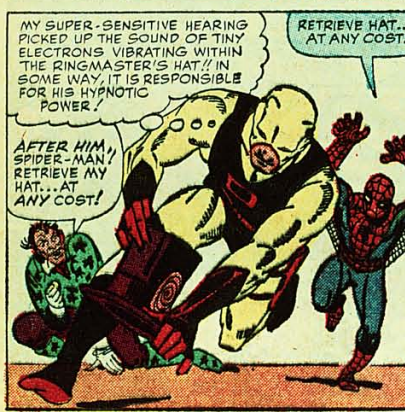
IF I MAKE YOU TUMBLE, YOUR HAT IS SURE TO FALL OFF!



A SECOND LATER, GUIDED BY THE SOUND OF THE STILL-SHAKING HAT, FEARLESS DAREDEVIL HURLS HIS ALL-PURPOSE BILLY-CLUB CANE WITH UNERRING ACCURACY!

WHAP!

MY HAT! I MUST GET IT!!



MY SUPER-SENSITIVE HEARING PICKED UP THE SOUND OF TINY ELECTRONS VIBRATING WITHIN THE **RINGMASTER'S** HAT!! IN SOME WAY, IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS HYPNOTIC POWER!

AFTER HIM, SPIDER-MAN! RETRIEVE MY HAT... AT ANY COST!

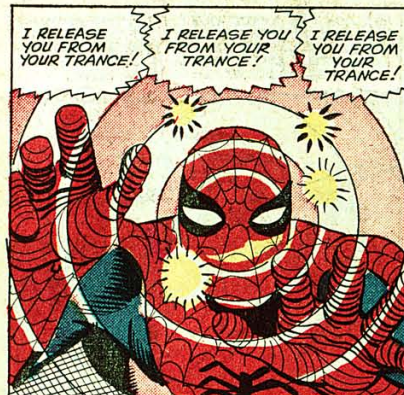
RETRIEVE HAT... AT ANY COST!



I WAS RIGHT! I CAN SENSE THE POWERFUL SURGE OF ENERGY POURING OUTWARD FROM THE HAT!!

IF ANYTHING CAN STOP SPIDER-MAN, THIS WILL!

HALT!! YOU ARE NO LONGER UNDER THE **RINGMASTER'S** SPELL! I RELEASE YOU FROM YOUR TRANCE!!



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I HEAR HIS PULSE RATE CHANGING! HIS HEART-BEAT HAS BECOME NORMAL! HE'S SNAPPING OUT OF IT!!

MY HEAD... FOG... MISTS SWIRLING ABOUT... BEGINNING TO CLEAR... I CAN THINK AGAIN!



ONCE FREE OF THE HYPNOTIC SPELL, THE BRILLIANT BRAIN OF THE MASKED TEEN-AGER GRASPS THE WHOLE SITUATION IN ONE SPLIT SECOND!

MUCH OBLIGED, DAREDEVIL! NO TELLING WHAT HAZARD I MIGHT HAVE CAUSED IF YOU HADN'T BROKEN THE RINGMASTER'S HOLD OVER ME!

CHALK IT UP TO SELF-PRESERVATION ON MY PART, FELLA! I'D RATHER HAVE A GENT LIKE YOU WITH ME THAN AGIN' ME!!



THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, BUT I OWE YOU A FAVOR, AND A SPIDER-MAN NEVER FORGETS!

BETTER SAVE THE HEARTS AND FLOWERS FOR LATER, SPIDEY! I HEAR A MIGHTY ANGRY RINGMASTER GETTING READY TO ATTACK US AGAIN!

WHOOOPS! I ALMOST LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG ABOUT MY SUPER-HEARING!



DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU USELESS FOOLS! WE OUTNUMBER THOSE TWO MASKED MEDDLERS! WE'RE HIGHLY-TRAINED, ALSO! LET'S GET THEM... UNLESS YOU WANT TO DO THE REST OF YOUR ACT IN JAIL!!

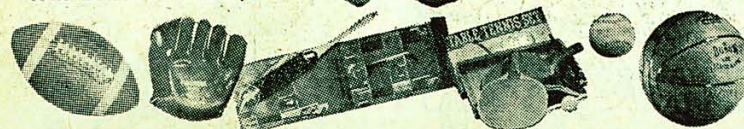
THE RINGMASTER'S RIGHT! IT'S ONLY TWO OF THEM AGAINST ALL OF US! LET'S GO!!

THE REST OF THE AUDIENCE IS STILL HYPNOTIZED! IF WE CAN POLISH OFF SPIDER-MAN AND DAREDEVIL IN TIME, WE'LL STILL GET AWAY WITH OUR PLAN!

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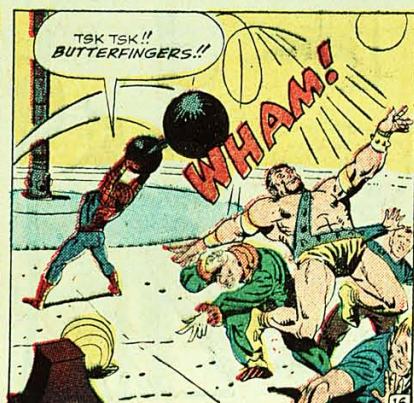
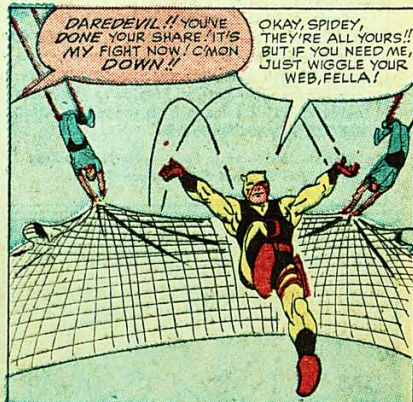
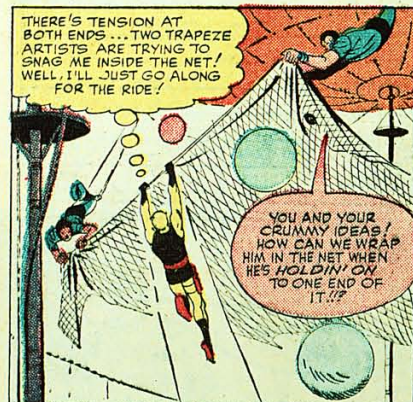
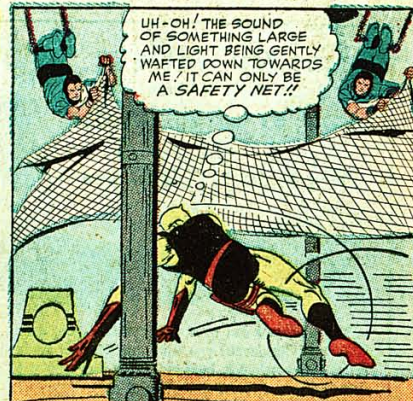
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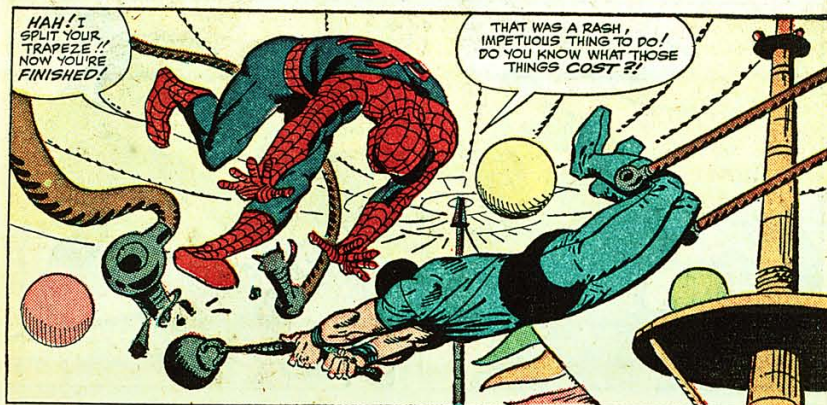
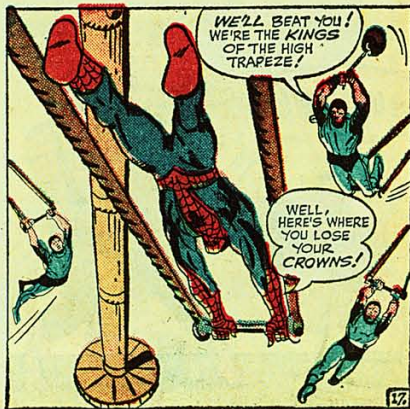
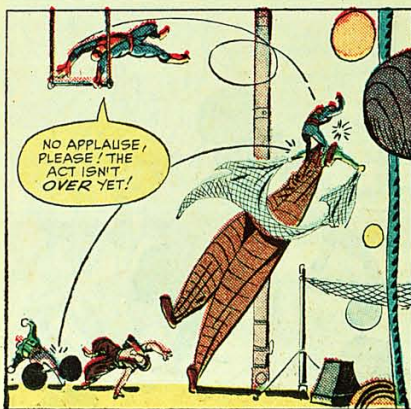
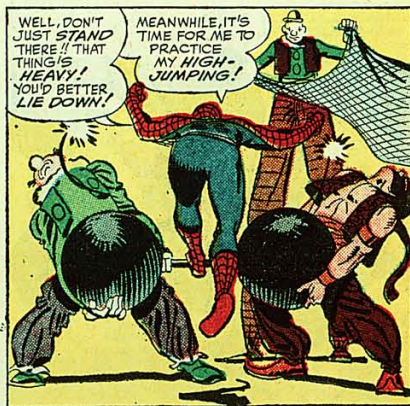
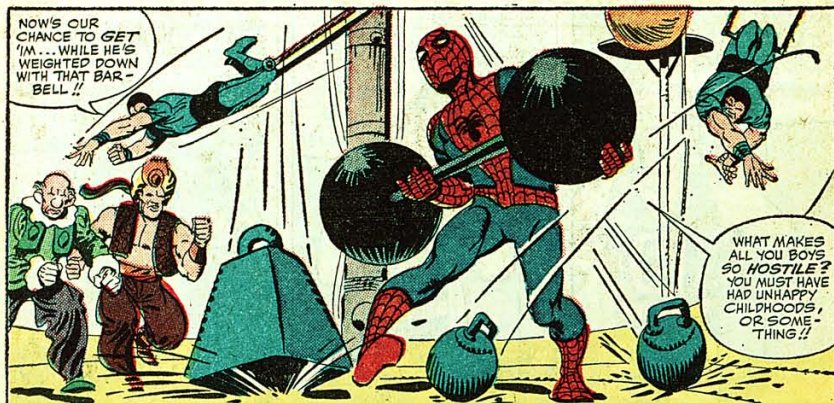
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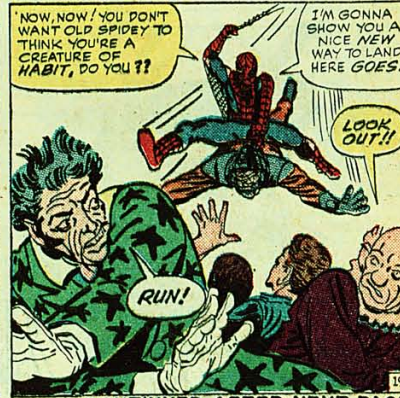
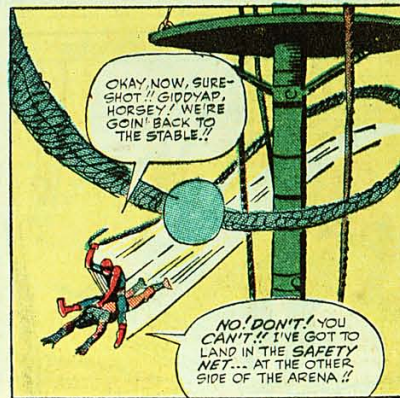
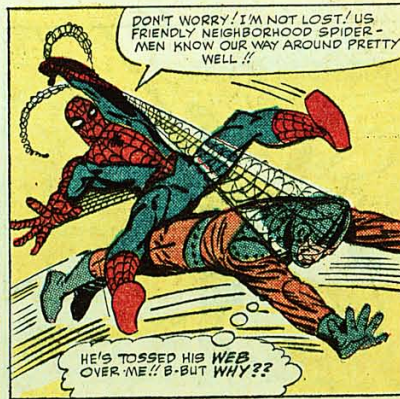
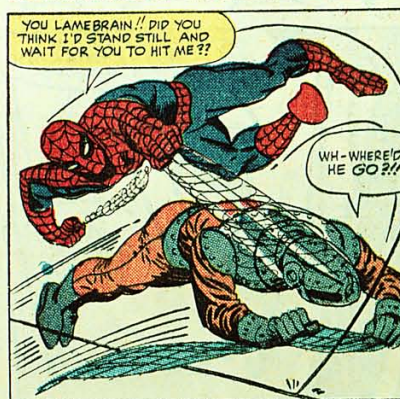
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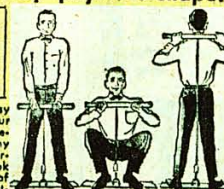


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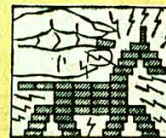
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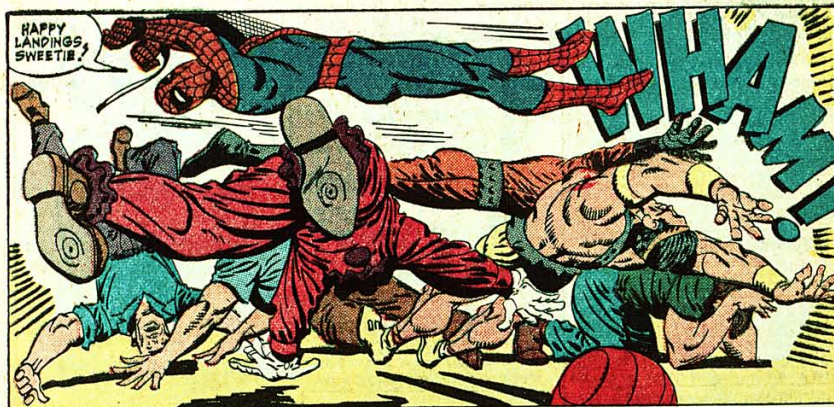
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AND NOW, IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, WE'LL BRING THIS SESSION TO A CLOSE... MY WAY!

NO! WAIT! I'LL MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU... STOP!



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BRAVO, SPIDER-MAN! I COULDN'T HAVE DONE MUCH BETTER MYSELF!



THAT MUST HAVE BEEN DAREDEVIL! EVERYONE ELSE IS STILL IN A TRANCE!

BUT WITH ALL THE ECHOES IN THIS PLACE, I CAN'T TELL WHERE THE VOICE CAME FROM!



WELL, WHEREVER DAREDEVIL IS, I'M GLAD HE ENJOYED THE SHOW! ALTHOUGH I WONDER HOW HE MANAGED TO RESIST THE RINGMASTER'S HYPNOSIS??

IT ALL HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY THAT ONLY A BLIND MAN COULD HAVE BEEN UNAFFECTED! WELL, NATURALLY THAT CAN'T BE THE ANSWER! OH, WELL, I'LL DOPE IT OUT SOME DAY!!

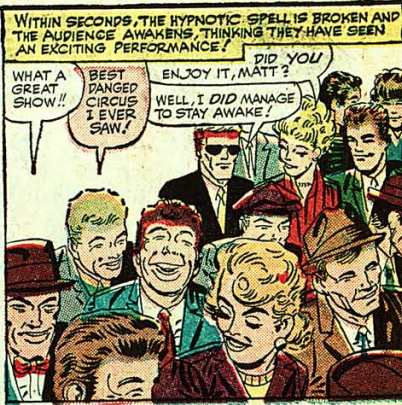


NOW THAT YOU AND YOUR PLAYMATES ARE ALL NICELY GIFT-WRAPPED, I'LL SEE IF I CAN WAKE UP YOUR AUDIENCE!

I'VE HEARD OF SOME SHOWS PUTTING PEOPLE TO SLEEP... BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

BLAST YOU, SPIDER-MAN! IF NOT FOR YOUR INTERFERENCE... ALONG WITH THAT MASKED DAREDEVIL... I'D HAVE SUCCEEDED!

DREAM ON, MISTER! THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY!



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Dear Stan and Steve,

Although I'm just a lowly college freshman I'm a great fan of all Marvel Comics, and I just had to write to tell you how much I appreciate them—especially SPIDER-MAN! I just finished reading your latest and your greatest Spider-Man, which is stupendous, to say the very least! Seconds after I finished reading I was so frenzied with enthusiasm that I picked up the first piece of paper and writing apparatus in sight. The way you bring your readers to the edge of a nervous breakdown by the thought of seeing the end of Spider-Man, and then slapping them in the face with the fact that our favorite hero is better off than ever, is unbelievable. My highest compliments to both of you. Stan did a really terrifyingly terrific job—the white-heat of his inspiration must be his genius showing through. Steve's drawings depicted every moment of emotion in outstanding fashion. I thank you very much!

Andy G. Nevares, 3911 Zephyr St.
Houston 21, Texas

Gee whiz, Andy, if you don't like our mags, why don't you just come right out 'n say so?!

Dear Stan and Steve,

We wish to have some information concerning Spider-Man's unique webbing. In issue #12 you showed Spider-Man reloading with cartridges of web fluid. Now, since we didn't get the first few issues of Spider-Man, we would like to know how he made or makes the fluid which he uses, the way the release works, and the method used in forcing the fluid out. Please do not tell us that it is a secret and it cannot be told!

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Not only do you ask tough questions, but then you tell us what we shouldn't tell you. eh? You'll find most of the answers you want in the Spidey Annual on sale in June! Anything you don't see there—forget it!

Dear Stan and Steve,

You know that a person who is addicted to cigarettes is likely to have a nicotine fit if he goes too long between smokes. Well, as of two days ago I am having a Spider-Man fit! My pupils are dilated (from lack of reading material), my pulse is rapid, I can't eat and I can't sleep. If the next issue doesn't come out soon I think I might start pulling my hair out by the roots. There is one thing about your mag which I simply can't stand — it only comes out once a month instead of every week! Please see if you can do anything about this intolerable situation.

Bill Payne, 2701 Portland Ave.
Louisville, Ky.

You think YOU'VE got trouble? You should see US when our pay checks arrive late!!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Today I read the latest issue of SPIDER-MAN and F.F. They were both okay except that in some parts of both magazines it got too mushy. Girls are okay in their own place, I always say. How would you like your magazines to be called "The Marvel Age of Henpecked Super-Heroes"? So please get Betty out of Spider-Man and keep Sue just the Invisible Girl—not Mrs. Reed Richards!

Jay Blackburn, 548 Ingham Ave.
Calumet City, Ill.

That might be okay with US, Jay—but we're not so sure Spidey and Reed would like your suggestion!

Dear Stan and Steve,

STRANGE TALES #120 was a very good issue but we think Iceman should have a girl friend just like everyone else. We also feel after reading issue #12 of SPIDER-MAN that he should reveal his identity to Betty; then he would be able to carry on a more normal life for he would have someone to talk to. We would appreciate an answer as we read your comic books when we take a coffee break while we study.

Gail Schottenstein & Phyllis Schwartz
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Well, gals, it seems to us that it would be pretty tough to lead a normal life, even if you reveal your secret to your girl friend, if you happen to be a guy who runs around evenings in a Spider costume and swings thru the air on webs! But, to each his own!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I have just finished reading SPIDER-MAN #12 and it was pretty good. But the one boo-boo you made was on page 6 at the bottom of the page in the lower left-hand corner when you said, "...and atop the highest roller coaster at the Amusement Park." They were not on a roller coaster but on a ferris wheel! That was the only thing wrong with #12—otherwise it was one of the best!

Steve Keyes, 3077 Donny Brook
Costa Mesa, Calif.

You're right, Steve, and we're wrong—as usual! Apparently the blamed thing was so high that we couldn't tell WHAT it was from 'way down below!

Dear Stan and Steve,

I'd like to mention simply the question of realism which you are forever injecting into your Spider-Man stories: I've noticed that Spider-Man is the first comic in which the police have been given a bit of recognition. Too often police are ignored even though they do a good job of handling the necessary task of protecting law and order. (Of course this is understandable since some of their work would make dry comic reading and you'd probably have trouble convincing a reader that a cop was as effective as ol' Spidey, anyway!) At any rate, I was pleased to see your use of the police.

Richard Weingroff, 3231 Southgreen Rd.
Baltimore, Md.

A fat lot of GOOD it does us! Ol' Stan just got a parking ticket last week!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Lots of readers have complained that word balloons spoil your covers. Well, something else like that bugs me. I've been looking at your current Marvel issues and have seen the slogans about how great Marvel is. It spoils the whole cover! So how about cutting out all these words of praise so we can see the art? We readers know that this is the MARVEL AGE OF COMICS and if you don't, then for the love of Pete, read one of your mags sometime!

Dick North, 5962 N. Sheridan Rd.
Chicago 40, Ill.

What?? After WRITING them all day?? Have a heart, Dick!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Your Spider-Man magazine is really beginning to take hold here. The main reason is that Spider-Man is portrayed as such a natural guy. This makes the magazine very enjoyable to read and gives it humor in between the dramatic moments. In reference to Pete himself, we think that he should stick to dating high school girls. Although you have explained that Betty is Pete's age, there is some-

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